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D.C. APPROPRIATIONS/Conference, Passage

SUBJECT: Conference report to accompany the D.C. Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997 . . . H.R. 3845. Agreeing to the conference report.

ACTION: CONFERENCE REPORT AGREED TO, 83-15

SYNOPSIS: The conference report to accompany H.R. 3845, the District of Columbia Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1997, will provide the District of Columbia (D.C.) Government with \$718.8 million total in Federal funds (including retirement funds and reimbursement for inauguration expenses) and will approve a total budget for D.C. of \$5.021 billion. The budget requested by D.C. would have resulted in a deficit of \$99 million; the approved budget will cap the permissible deficit at \$74 million, and will allow the District to determine the means to achieve that end. The Federal Government will contribute \$1 million to inspect, flush, and repair D.C.'s drinking water system.

General provisions include the following:

- no funds appropriated or approved under this Act will be used to pay for any abortion except to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest; and
- no funds from this Act will be used to pay for any system of registration of unmarried cohabiting couples or to implement or enforce the District's Domestic Partners Act.

Those favoring passage contended:

Key features of this conference report include a ban on the District spending either Federal or local funds to pay for abortions, with rape, incest, and life-of-the-mother exceptions, a ban on funding the District's domestic partners legislation, and a cap on the District's permissible deficit of \$74 million. To achieve that last requirement, the District is going to have to find a way to bring down its projected deficit of \$99 million (out of a total budget of more than \$5 billion). Not all Senators are pleased with the addition of the above provisions, but they were adopted in a spirit of compromise. Other controversial items, such as on school vouchers, are

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YEAS (83)				NAYS (15)		NOT VOTING (2)	
Republican (40 or 78%)		Democrats (43 or 91%)		Republicans (11 or 22%)	Democrats (4 or 9%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Inhofe	Akaka	Inouye	Brown	Baucus	Hatfield- ^{2AY}	
Ashcroft	Jeffords	Biden	Johnston	Burns	Feingold	Murkowski- ²	
Bennett	Kassebaum	Bingaman	Kennedy	Faircloth	Lautenberg		
Bond	Kempthorne	Boxer	Kerrey	Gorton	Wellstone		
Campbell	Kyl	Bradley	Kerry	Gramm			
Chafee	Lott	Breaux	Kohl	Hatch			
Coats	Lugar	Bryan	Leahy	Helms			
Cochran	Mack	Bumpers	Levin	Shelby			
Cohen	McCain	Byrd	Lieberman	Smith			
Coverdell	McConnell	Conrad	Mikulski	Snowe			
Craig	Nickles	Daschle	Moseley-Braun	Thomas			
D'Amato	Pressler	Dodd	Moynihan				
DeWine	Roth	Dorgan	Murray				
Domenici	Santorum	Exon	Nunn				
Frahm	Simpson	Feinstein	Pell				
Frist	Specter	Ford	Pryor				
Grams	Stevens	Glenn	Reid				
Grassley	Thompson	Graham	Robb				
Gregg	Thurmond	Harkin	Rockefeller				
Hutchison	Warner	Heflin	Sarbanes				
		Hollings	Simon				
			Wyden				

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay

not included in this conference report. Overall, we are pleased with this report, and urge its adoption.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to passage.